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From: NEW YORK

To: MOSCOW

No: 1481-1482

18 October 1944

[Part I] To VIKTOR[1].

Further to our no. 839[a]. Recently the Civil Service Commission (the "SHOP"[LAVKA]) informed a certain former FELLOWCOUNTRYMAN[ZEMLYAK][11] that ROBERT[111] named him as a person who could vouch for ROBERT. This man was introduced by ROBERT as a recommender

[35 groups unrecovered]

force him out of his work and we consider it necessary to ensure

[54 groups unrecoverable]

-native home [4 groups unrecovered] land modern incubator

[24 groups unrecovered].

At present part of the land gives [2 groups unrecovered] annual income which is

[27 groups unrecoverable]

himself such a material basis without waiting for dismissal. In ROBERT's and PILOT's[iv] opinion they may succeed in devoting part of the land to a commercial airport (on the assumption that many people will have private planes) and then the cover will be exceptionally good[b].

[Part II]

[39 groups unrecovered]

disposed person and in case of compromise

[49 groups unrecoverable]

AL'BERT[v] [C% told] ROBERT

[29 groups unrecovered]

and figures that the rent for a house in the city [3 groups unrecovered] sum [5 groups unrecovered]. In AL'BERT's opinion ROBERT should be assisted in acquiring the farm since the presence of such a [5 groups unrecovered] can continue our work with certain changes in the group's structure. AL'BERT requests us to advise as quickly as possible whether we approve

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ROBERT's proposal and whether we are ready to give him financial support.

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Notes:

- [a] NEW YORK to MOSCOW message no. 1463 of 14 October 1944.
- [b] For further details on these proposals see NEW YORK - MOSCOW messages nos. 12-16 of 4 January, 1945.

Comments:

- [i] VIKTOR: Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.
- [ii] ZEMLYak: Member of the Communist Party. It is known that one reference given by SILVERMASTER when he applied for his position with the Department of Agriculture was the reported communist Prof. Robert Alexander BRADY.
- [iii] ROBERT: Nathan Gregory SILVERMASTER.
- [iv] PILOT: William Ludwig ULLMAN.
- [v] AL'BERT: i.e. ALBERT, Iskhak Abdulovich AKHMEROV.
- [vi] MAJ: i.e. MAY, Stepan APRESYan.

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